

CLAIMS:

1. A method for removing liquids such as plasticizers and oils concentrated in areas contiguous to the outer surface of a coverstock of a bowling ball, said method including the steps of:

formulating a plasticizer absorbent material which absorbs plasticizers, oils and other liquids of the type found in the coverstocks of bowling balls,

applying said plasticizer absorbent material to said outer surface of said coverstock,

allowing said applied plasticizer absorbing material to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a defined time period, and

removing said plasticizer absorbing material and said extracted plasticizer from said coverstock.

2. The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is formulated by combining fine soft pine wood dust, silica gel and sphagnum peat moss into a mixture.

3. The method of claim 1 in which said plasticizer absorbent material is applied to said outer surface of said coverstock by placing said material against said outer surface of said coverstock.

4. The method of claim 1 in which said applied plasticizer absorbing material is allowed to remain in contact with said outer surface of said coverstock for a time period of up to 24 hours.

5. The method of claim 1 in which said absorbent material is formulated by combining silica gel and sphagnum peat moss.

6. The method of claim 1 in which said absorbent material is formulated by combining silica gel and fine soft pine wood dust.

7. The method of claim 1 in which said absorbent material is formulated by combining fine soft pine wood dust and sphagnum peat moss.

8. The method of claim 1 in which said absorbent material is silica gel.

9. The method of claim 1 in which said absorbent material is sphagnum peat moss.

10. The method of claim 1 in which said absorbent material is fine soft pine wood dust.

11. The method of claim 1 in which said absorbent material is microfiber material.

12. A plasticizer absorbent material including one or more of the following:

(a) fine soft pine wood dust;

(b) silica gel;

(c) sphagnum peat moss.